

International Education Council

Minutes for August 16, 2010

Present: Loeb, Wood, Bontty, Bledsoe, Gurung, Khalil, Kuanliang, Nazzal, Sharma, Steckline, Vasquez, Wisenor

Excused: Beutner, Schmeer

Dr. Wood agreed to serve as secretary.

Minutes of the March 23, 2010 meeting were accepted

Introduction of members

Eric discussed welcome baskets and pointed out we have over 55 new students (now at 65).

Lunch on Thursday will be provided to new students by Kim and Eric Bledsoe

There is a need for short-term, emergency housing for arriving students – asked for volunteers,

Wood for short term, Loeb for longer period, Vasquez had input on possibilities too.

Discussed long term housing problems and lack of transportation to /from campus, lack of campus support for housing between semesters

Need volunteers to pick up students from bus station and airport – Wood volunteered.

Students need furniture, dishes, bedding, etc. now and for the future – deliver to Mara at 3904 Harrison for storage.

It was suggested that we add a goal to the Mission statement – To assist students new to campus in finding housing, furniture, etc., to settle in and transition to our campus and the USA.

Khalil to propose more assistance for new International students

Steckline and others plan to ask Dr. Pani for help – Khalil, Nazzal

There will also be a BBQ lunch by volleyball team by tennis courts on 8/27

Room 170 International Student Orientation on 8/18 from 9am-3pm, Speaker from MSA provided by Khalil at 12 or 12:30

Discussion of events during the year

International Expo – fall - date TBA

Kuanliang has lots of materials from various embassies that he solicited and has been receiving to distribute at the event.

International Food Fair - spring

Loeb encouraged new members to choose a goal from the mission statement as part of their involvement with the international committee

Please suggest students to fill open spots on the International Education Council. (A student was suggested..?? name?)

Next Meeting to be determined by schedules sent to Loeb (Thursday, September 16th, 160 Student Center)

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Wood, Secretary